GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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GAS CYLINDER NOTIFIED UNDER EXPLOSIVES ACT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified the Gas Cylinder Rules 2004 under the Explosives Act ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new rules for gas cylinders would provide relief to the gas industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has notified the Gas Cylinders Rules, 2004 under the Explosives Act, 1884. The Rules have been revised on the basis of the recommendations made by an Expert Group set up by the Government. The salient features of the Rules are self regulation in less hazardous applications, easy convertibility of cylinders from one gas to another within the category of non-toxic and non-flammable gases, extended validity of licences, decentralization/delegation of authority to lower level offices etc.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The provisions of the new rules relating to self regulations in certain cases, extended validity of licences and decentralization of authority are expected to provide relief to the gas industry and make the Government-Industry interface more efficient, transparent and user-friendly.